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MACOMB COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES HEAD START PROGRAM CELEBRATES MICHIGAN READING MONTH

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – State representatives, state senators, Macomb County commissioners and school district officials agreed to participate in fun and educational reading sessions to celebrate Michigan Reading Month in March.

The program, sponsored by Macomb County Community Services Agency (MCCSA) Head Start, invited guest readers to bring books of their choice or select from the classroom collection.

"Head Start emphasizes the importance of literacy and reading throughout the year to children enrolled in the program and their families," said Frank Taylor, MCCSA director. "However, March provides a special opportunity to focus on reading and involve local community leaders."

Here is the remaining schedule for reading programs in March:

Thursday, March 17:

1 p.m., Carkenord Elementary School, 27100 24 Mile Road, Chesterfield Township.
 Reader: Macomb County Commissioner Kathy Vosburg.

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Monday, March 21:

- 9 a.m., Parker Elementary School, 22055 Quinn Road (Pod 2, Room 203), Clinton Township. Reader: State Rep. Fred Miller.
- 9:30 a.m., Macomb Intermediate School District, 44001 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. Reader: State Sen. Michael Switalski
- 11:45 a.m., Pierce Elementary School, 18800 Melvin Road, Roseville. Reader:
 South Lake Schools Superintendent William Putney.
- 1 p.m., Macomb Intermediate School District, 44001 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, Reader: State Rep. Leon Drolet.
- 2 p.m., Frost Elementary School, 14301 Parkside Drive, Warren. Reader: Macomb County Commissioner Joan Flynn.

March 22

10:30 a.m., Lakeview Schools, 30401 Taylor Road, St. Clair Shores. Reader:
 Lakeview Curriculum Director Tracy VanPeeren.

March 23

- 10:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., Dooley Early Education Center, 16170 Canberra,
 Roseville. Reader: Fraser Public Schools Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum Dr.
 Joanne Jacobson.
- 3 p.m., Macomb Intermediate School District, 44001 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. Reader: Macomb County Commissioner Nancy White.

March 24

1 p.m., Carkenord Elementary School, 27100 24 Mile Road, Chesterfield Township.
 Reader: Macomb County Commissioner Brian Brdak.

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About Head Start

Head Start is a comprehensive preschool program for 3- and 4-year-old children from low-income families. There are currently 44 classrooms servicing children throughout

Macomb County. The program is free to families who meet federal income guidelines. Applications are accepted all year. For more information on applying to Head Start, call the Macomb County Head Start office at 586-469-5215.

About Macomb County

Macomb County is an enriching community in Southeastern Michigan that has one of the state's fastest rates of growth. Its 825,000 residents make it Michigan's third-largest county, with direct access to Lake St. Clair and Anchor Bay, and a host of cultural and entertainment options. Its highly skilled workforce and investment in new and expanding businesses make it open to enterprise. Active civic leadership translates into balanced budgets and Michigan's second-lowest tax rate. An increasingly diverse population and high quality of life make Macomb County accessible to all.